

April 2, 1984

LB 1128

voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion to reconsider prevails. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, I would move that the rules be suspended and those two bills be sent to the Secretary of State.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is to suspend the rules. It takes 30 votes. Any discussion? Any discussion? All those in favor... Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it takes 30 votes to suspend the rules and send the bill to the Secretary of State. It would take 25 votes according to the recent ruling by the Chair to reconsider our action on any overrides and I think that is an important point to make. And then the argument would be that we would have to vote, I suppose, by 30 votes to make those changes. Now I appreciate very much the change of agenda and I appreciate very much why we are in a rush to judgment and I appreciate very much why this Legislature is prepared to take away its options but I wonder if this Legislature is prepared to raise the income tax or keep the income tax at 20 percent. I doubt it is. I doubt it is. But I'll tell you that the A bills that we will send across to the Governor will be vetoed. The conversation I had this morning indicates that he intends to hold at 19 percent and this Legislature then will be forced to override the vetoes to try to deal with the individual desires of members of this Legislature. Now maybe we all would prefer to have that additional burden of 30 votes. Maybe that is exactly the decisions we want to make.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Newell. (Cavel.) Let's hold it down so we can hear those speaking. Thank you. Senator Newell.